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"BUSINESS IS BUSINESS."

JOHN M. HENDERSON WRITES A STRICTLY BUSINESS LETTER

Showing the Loose Management of the A. M. E. Church Organs—A Modern Business Man Could Increase the Business.

"Business is business" is an expression containing a truth which many Afro-Americans fail to appreciate. In the transaction of business matters a successful business man puts aside all mere sentiment and sticks to business principles. There is a business side to almost all of the affairs of life. It is certain that there is a business side to church affairs. It is at this point that Afro-American churches show a weakness. There are some notable exceptions. Dr. C. S. Smith is an example of one. During the first years of his management of the S. S. Union he was strictly business and eminently successful. The marvel of his achievements won for him such extreme praise and such blind confidence that his subsequent failures are passed over with indifference. Bishop Gaines, who is preeminently the business Bishop, undertook to call attention to the facts, but was hooted down by sentimentalists. It is absolutely true that this department is on the decline, and that its once bright prospects will never be realized unless it be dealt with in a strictly business-like way. Seeing that Dr. Smith's failing capacity renders him unable to carry on matters, it is simply business to replace him with some who can. In the way of the performance of this pure business act stand the men of sentiment who say, "It is ashame to remove a man who has done so much." Because of this kind but unbusiness-like sentiment they are willing to sacrifice the future of the S. S. Union. What is true in this particular instance is true in many others.

The A. M. E. Review was created by Bishop Tanner and to him was entrusted its editorship. This was done chiefly to provide a place for him and incidentily because it was felt that he needed full scope in order to put the project well on foot. Since his elevation to the Bishopric there has been no real need for a separate editor for the Review. The editor of the Recorder, being relieved of the task of reading proof and having nothing but strictly editorial work to perform could also edit the Review, and then have abundance of leisure. For week after week the editor is absent from his office, and yet the work goes on. Much of the time the editor is simply gone on his personal matters as the manager appears at the same conference with him. The Recorder does not especially suffer and this shows that the editor could easily have time to manage the Review. If we were strictly business in the management of our affairs we would save one of these salaries and have as much to show. We will not do this way, but will elect an editor for the Review and pay him $1,300 per year for getting out four copies of a magizine.

When the Astute Fathers established the Book Concern they so clearly foresaw its possibilities that they provided for the use of the profits expected. Their dream has not been realized, but instead the Concern is an annual recipient of several thousands of dollars more than it brings in. The application of business methods to this matter would produce results now undreamed of. Dr. Embry is a fine man and one of the most scholarly men of the church. Though prosaic business manager he has done all of the literary work of the concern except that strictly pertaining to the paper. He edits books, minutes etc. He compiles hymnals etc. He is an able literary man. More over he is a man of great experience and splendid character. He would make a first class Bishop, but he is a failure in his present capacity. Not because he does not surpass the achievements of all of his predecessors, but because he does not break away from the traditions and recognize the conditions of the present time. A modern business man could increase the business of the concern a hundred percent, and not grunt in doing it, while Dr. Embry, limping along the old path, has nearly worried to death in accomplishing merely childish things. Instead of Dr. Townsend, who is not particularly suited for the office and who has not always stuck to the church, why does not the West unite on Dr. Embry and insist that he be placed in the Bishopric where he is needed. Why divide up on candiates and get nothing? There is no choice between the two for one is an ordinary man who has a hundred peers, while the other possesses preeminent fitness. "Business is business."

Out of sentiment Dr. W. D. Johnson has been kept as secretary of education and does not earn a dollar of $1,300 salary. Thus we might go and show how in case after case business has been sacrificed to sentiment.

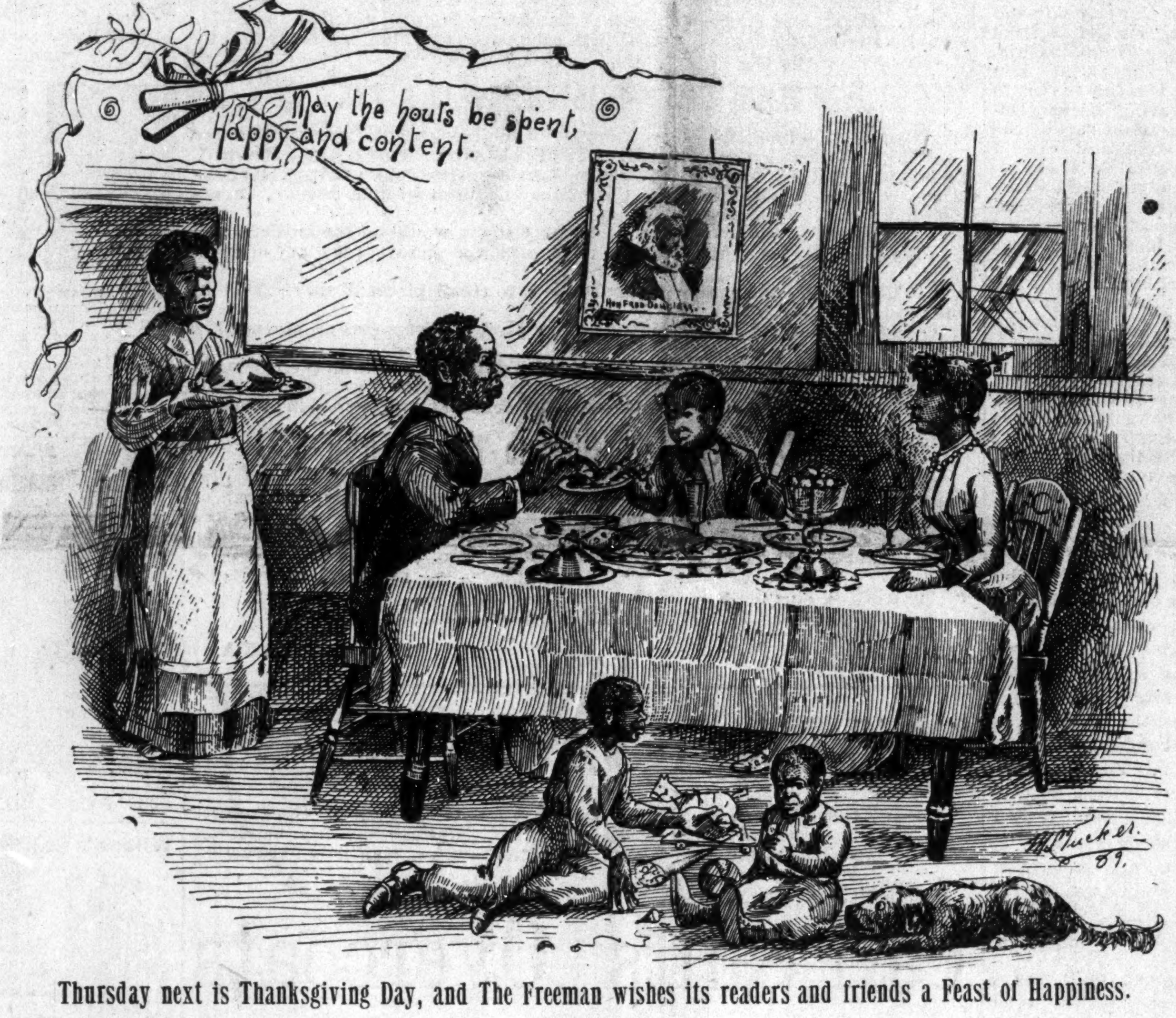
In order to meet these enormous demands, preachers are forced to extort from the people the heavy taxation made necesary, and many poor preachers have been made to weep and their dependent families to suffer because they did not successfully play the part of publican. The limit of toleration is nearly reached. The people, who are soverign, are protesting. They are willing to pay and pay liberally, but they want the money well used, and not squandered to maintain useless traditions that are worshipped by sentimentalists. Preacher's widows and orphans are not cared for while several popular men roll in luxury and draw big salaries without rendering service. The Bishops, who have great cares and hard work, are on half pay. If they received just twice what they do they would be able to see more, know more and do more. It is a foolish sentiment that plays stingy with the men who earn and need pay and which plays bountiful with men who are not needed.

Our Bishops should be able to take their place in as high a walk of life as possible. They should be seen in the best hotels, on the finest steamers, in the greatest gatherings, and they should be made able to do this. They should be able to visit the poorest mission and win the undying affection of the people by giving them something. They should be made free from the cares of worldly struggles and advocations and become the peers of the greatest men of the land. They are the living exponents of the Negroes idea of himself. For this office representative men should be selected and then they should be honored. If they are uncouth and vulgar, if they are ignorant and of low tastes, they degrade us. "Business is business," and it is business for us to seek the respect of the world by letting them see us through fit representatives. How much to us is a representative worth who does not know how to conduct himself in polite society, who, on coming to a community, seeks as a stopping place, the hovel, who perpetually dodges the refined and cultured, who denounces improved music, elevating amusements for the young, who as a back number, beats the "amen corner saint?"

We must have cultuerd, progressive, representative men to representative us. We do not need Bishops to go around and "lift collections" the stewarts and trustees can do that. Consider the great advance of our people, think of our splendid churches and refined congregations, such as are to be found in Atlanta and all through the South, the North, the West and the East. Think of the other denominations that are disputing with us our place at the front. Study the times in which we live, and then say, if you dare, that we do not need to give more attention to the business of developing our church. The discordant notes from such misguided men as the Rev. Mr. Chappelle of South Carolina but show the need of decided action. It is such men who have rendered the Negro odious in that state. Truly cultured, wide-awake, manly men will be respected anywhere. It is the unfit statesmen of reconstruction days and the unfit leaders of to-day who are responsible for the contempt that many feel for us. Too many, these words will not be pleasant, too many, they will not seem true but they are. This is a plain, straightforward business talk.

JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D.

Brooklyn, N. Y.


May the hours be spent, Happy and content.
Hon Fred Douglass
H. Tucker 89.

Thursday next is Thanksgiving Day, and The Freeman wishes its readers and friends a Feast of Happiness.

An Address Delivered.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

Mrs. Cornelia Fields' baby died on the 13th inst. Presiding Elder W. B. White was in the city on the 13th and left on the 15th. The Royal Literary re-organized Nov. 12th. Mrs. Katie Adams' baby died on the 14th. The True Elevens met on the 14th, and the following address was delivered by Mrs. Mary L. Sides before the Temple in honor of one worthy and highly esteemed: "Worthy Virgin and sisters the committee has done me the honor of saying a few words in appreciation of one whose lot has been cast with us for the past two years. While I cannot find words to express one-tenth of the estimate placed upon sister Johnson, I well see that her presence in our midst has been a pleasant and a beneficial one. Her qualities as wife and mother and sister in the society and church also is up to the highest standard. Sometimes a grasp from the hand, a look from the eye can satisfy when everything else fails. Suffice it to say the Temple of 773 Phillis Wheatley, Branch No. 7, whether her lot ever be cast with us again, wherever she goes our lasting benediction is, God bless her." The Household of Ruth gave a grand entertainment the 16th in the new Odd Fellows' Hall which was well attended. The Bluff City Cornet Band, colored, of this city played on the public square for the wrestling exhibition at Ferguson's Hall between two champions, one from Illinois, the other from Indian. The Indiana man won. A petrified squaw and papoose were exhibited on the public square.

Social News.

Leadville, Colo., Special.

Mrs. P. A. Hubbard, wife of Presiding Elder Hubbard and daughter Pearl are in the city the guests of Mrs. Sophia Anderson. Rev. J. G. Smith, pastor of St. Luke's A. M. E. church, this city went to Aspen to hold quarterly meeting in that city on the 10th. The officers of Ada Court No. 3 was installed by Past Master T. S. Stewart on the 11th. Under the warrant of the Grand Court of the State of Colorado, the above named court will celebrate its third anniversary on the 5th of December. Program as follows: P. M., T. S. Stewart master of ceremonies; music; prayer by Rev. T. G. Smith; opening address, Mrs. J. W. Young, V. G. M.; welcome address, Mrs. D. L. Robinson, M. A. M.; "Duties of Heroines." J. H. Sheppard W. J.; "Review of Court History, Mrs. N. Renalds, Past M. A. G. M. of Missouri, and its jurisdiction; "The Duties of Master Masons to M. M. D.," A. J. Young; "The Obligations of a T. K.," Mrs. M. Dyar, Denver; guitar solo, T. S. Stewart. Supper by the refreshment committee, Mrs. E. Bass chairman. The Rev. W. T. Toliver of Trinidad occupied the pulpit of the A. M. E. church Sunday morning and evening, at which time he delivered two interesting discourses. Rev. Toliver is still in the city at this writing. Preparations for the ice palace are being made. Henry Green fell from his wagon last Sunday and sustained injuries from which he will be confined to his bed some time. P. W. Jackson, who figured so conspicuously in a shooting affray in Salt Lake City on the 6th was at one time a resident of this city, and he has the comendation of his many friends in this city for not allowing a man to run him out of his place of business. Messrs. Davis and Lindel of Salt Lake still remain in the city. The election on the 5th resulted in a complete victory for the Populist except the county treasurer and coroner. Mrs. N. King and daughter of Tacoma, Wash., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Motley, 206 West Sixth street.

The Douglass Club.

Houston, Tex., Special.

The Fred Douglass Social Club is a success It is made up of the best young men and women of Houston. Mr. Dennis is president and Mary McWilliams secretary. The B. Y. P. U. of Antioch Baptist church is moving along again, with Prof. F. I. Richardson president, and Mrs. F. Roberson secretary. Subject for discussion Friday night, "Resolved, That Baptism by Immersion is Essential to Salvation;' affirmative Dr. Lyons; negative, J. R. Wilson and D. Griffin, E. C. Branch. Rev. Sam Jones is in the city for a two week's stay, preaching to white and colored.

Helping to Educate.

Hope, Ark., Special.

J. M. Ratliffe, editor of the Reporter (white) says the Negro business is booming. More colored men in business in Hope than any town of its size in the South. The A. M. E. church was crowded last Sunday to hear Rev. W. T. Franklin's farewell address. Miss Florence Biggs visited our town last week. She was the guest of Mrs. Bostick. Elliott & Lewis are doing a good business. The ladies of the city gave a supper last week to raise money for educational purposes. Business is dull.

THE FREEMAN MAN HITS

BACK—GRANT S. NEAL, THE RUSTLING TRAVELING

Representative of The Freeman Has Something to Say Concerning a Texas Bum—who Tries to Create a Sentiment Against The Freeman

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I am, as a matter of business and manhood, opposed to whining or anything of that sort, but there are times when "forbearance cease to be a virtue," and certain things which are detrimental to the interest of the race should be made known to the public, in order that other men and women of my profession may be more cautious in the future. Not long ago, in Marlin, Tex., a little town on the H. & T. C. railroad, I had some experience, which at this moment, makes me nervous to relate. Among the inhabitants of that little town exist a treacherous, a-snake-in-the-grass individual of Hametic extraction, who is not only a nuisance to the community in which he lives, but a dangerous character indeed. This treacherous individual is a "3 for 5" school teacher with antibellum ideas on teaching the young minds to "shoot," and a second-hand Democratic politician in order to "pass the board" for license to teach. As stated before, he is a dangerous character and can be trusted by his "clique" or scums of creation to carry out any dirty design that they might impose upon him. Shortly after my arrival in Marlin, this low, insignificant, and I might add, the lowest specimen of cranks, began in a sneakish way devising infernal means to checkmate my success in circulating The Freeman. He even tried to create a sentiment among the white people against The Freeman, but the better class gave him their disapproval. I must leave this "stony adversary" to the mercies of the "rude stream," for he has already fallen, and his fall is like that of Lucifer. Yours for the race,

GRANT S. NEAL.

Hearne, Tex.

Death of a Prominent Divine.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Special.

Mrs. J. R. Robinson and Prof. T. J. Holman returned from Kaufman county last week. They have been under the care of the colored faith doctor. Mrs. G. C. Biglow took a flying trip to Mt. Vernon to witness the marriage of her sister. Mr. Natcher's child died last week. The new brick C. M. E. church is a beauty. It will be worth $6,000 when finished. Rev. C. F. Moore, pastor, is proud to see it so near comcompleted. Prof. T. J. Holman and Miss Ida Gambolds are on the sick list this week. Mrs. Henry Pruitt, of Black Oak, Tex., is visiting friends in this city. Teachers' Institute meets to-day. Rev. E. V. Foreman, one of the most scholarly elocutionist and vigorous divines in the Cypress Association, is dead. Rev. Foreman was educated at Bishop College, Marshall, Tex. For several years he taught school and afterwards he devoted his attention to preaching and was an efficient preacher. He was married to Miss Aruella Pannell March 26. 1895. He was interred at the cemetery of Caney Creek Baptist church. His funeral was well attended, Rev. H. M. Richmond, officiating Stephen Johnson, one of Hopkins county's oldest teachers, died at his home last week.

A Great Offer.

Shreveport, La., Special.

The fair that was given at St. Paul A. M. E. church on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th was a success. Wm. Harper general manager, and Miss Mae Thomas secretary. The basement of the church was decorated. The reporter visited Friday night and had a grand time. W. J. Walker is agent for a book, entitled "The College of Life." Three charity workers are here working among the poor whites and blacks. Mrs. B. Holtzman, Mrs. Dr. Booth, A. J. H. Sheppard, a lawyer, visited several colored churches on the 10th and raised $10. Prof. Wm. Hicks and Mr. Hamilton of New Orleans are teaching school. Mr. Patterson was at St. Paul on the 17th and made his offer to the public that he would give a suit of clothes or $2.50 in cash to the boy who sells the largest number of Freemans by the 25th of Dec. 1895, and to the young lady selling the most a solid gold pair of ear rings. He will be at the A. M. E. on the 24th, and on the 3rd of Dec. at the C. M. E. and give the same talk. All the pastors will be furnished with the paper free.

A Reception Tendered.

London, Ont., Special.

The Forest City Literary Association gave a grand reception at the residence of Miss M. Lewis to Messrs. Wm. Parnell and Frank Ford of Buffalo, N.Y., who have been employed here. The program was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Holden pastor of the Gray street B. M. E. church, and consisted of singing, prayer, reading, instrumental and vocal solos. Rev. Hatchett, Horton street Baptist church, Morgan Gray, Geo. W. Taylor and R. L. Holden delivered addresses. The evening was spent in a very pleasant manner. Five courses of refreshments were served. Mrs. Lena Woodford is convalescent. Mrs. Lewis has returned home to Detroit, Mich.

Held Conference.

Harrisburg, Ill., Special.

The district conference of the A. M. E. church November 6-8, was a success. Rev. W. H. Chambers, M. A., is Presiding Elder of the district. Harrisburg has been lifted up by the session—She feels her ability to take care of the annual conference.

COURTSHIP BY PROXY,

OR A MATRIMONIAL PLOT

Written Expressly for THE FREEMAN by

AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, (B. Square)

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow," "Maid and Mistress," "The Cedar Hil School," etc., etc., etc.

CHAPTER XII.

THE FIRST PROXY LETTER.

"O, what a tangled web we weave,
When first we practice to deceive."
—Scott.

IT WAS way into night before Clark could free himself from the Clifford woman. When he did liberate himself he started upon a dead run for the Sumner House, reaching there just ten minutes after Hardy had left. He was given his friend's note, and, judging that the contents referred to the proxy letter he rushed out in the street in search of some stranger to read it for him. His hunt was soon rewarded; at the next corner he met a white tramp collecting funds for a five cent drink of what is known in that section as either "Jersey Lighting" or "Family Disturbance."

"Say, Boss, kin yer help er poor man what's starving by lending him five cents to get a night's lodging—I mean to get a plate of beef stew? Say, as true as I live I haven't had a crumb to eat in five days and—"

"Come off, come off, what are you trying to give us? You know that you wouldn't eat it you were set down to a turkey dinner. I know what you want; you want the price of a drink. Now, I'll tell you what I'll do; if you'll read this letter to me I'll give you a half er dollar as I can't see very well at night since I was sick with the fever, and I can't make out this line," remarked Clark, holding the letter up side down to the man who at once knew he could not read. The fellow read his note and got his pay, remarking as Clark rushed up the elevated railway stairs to catch a train for the Grand Central Depot.

"I don't wish yer no harm, pard; I hopes yer eyes'll get better, but I'd like ter git er show ter read five or six more of them letters for yer, even at cut rate price (and I'm a union man too—no scab) before yer eyes is O. K."

Clark caught the last way train for B—(the same train Hardy was abroad.) Had he taken the trouble to walk through to the smoking car he would have met his friend. When the train reached B—— he jumped off while it was still in motion, called to a hackman and was driven post haste to Hardy's house. Hardy on the other hand took plenty of time homeward; his mind was at rest for the time being at least, and he would not even tax it with planning out a future delay in writing the letter. "Something will turn up before my supposed return from Chicago," he said to himself as he entered his home. Imagine his surprise when he walked into his private "den" to find Clark sitting there quietly smoking a cigar.

"Why Joe, what the devil are you doing here? I thought you were in New York. How did you get here ahead of me?"

"I came on that 10:59 train, Andy."

"So did I—I was in the smoker."

"I got your note just ten minutes after you had left and made a dead run for the train, got in the last car and stayed there. Say, Andy, get to work on that letter; seems as if you were kinder anxious that something would keep all the time turning up so that you could at last keep from writing the letter. First you had no time the other day; then there was too much noise at the club; then that d—n Clifford gal come up, then—"

"Why do you keep company with such women, Joe?"

"Why do men do wrong, Andy? Why did Adam and Eve do wrong, old Chappie? Well, I'll tell you; 'cause we're built that way, but I've shook that jade of a thing for good and—"

"Yes—you—have! You can't do it my boy."

"You wait and see. But as I was going to say, the next thing was that Chicago business (which I believe was a fake.) Oh, you are laughing; now I know it was a fake, but if you had been gone when I got here, I'd a started off for Chicago on the next train; now get to work—don't say a word, but write."

"I must say this, Joe, that I admire and honor push and pluck, so since you have gone to all this trouble I'd write that letter for you even if the beautiful school mistress was kneeling in tears at my feet, begging me not to commit the sin. Yes, I'd—

"Come off! come off! none of that; that'll do you; what are you trying to give me? Get down to business; let me see you start in Andy, p. d. q."

"Let's have a drink first," said Hardy, as he unlocked a drawer in his desk and took out two glasses and a bottle of "Old Crow" whisky.

"No—sir—e—e! You know what you always say—business before pleasure; I'll not do nothing till that letter is writ, read, sealed up, stamped and in my inside pocket."

"Well, here goes."

"Hold on, Andy! I want to give you a few pointers: don't forget my love to the old man, her uncle; give him a jolly; tell her that I fell in love with her the first time I seen her, and by the way she wants me to send her some New York newspaper. How will it do to send her this one for a year?" asked Clark holding out a copy of a New York paper.

"Why that paper isn't fit to send to a dead dog, Joe; its always full of immoral lies; I'll pick out two papers to send her, and by the way you must subscribe, later on of course, to the "National Afro-American Fog Horn," the paper in which I'm interested, Joe. Now sit down and don't speak for five minutes. After what seemed to Clark a half night, Hardy read the following:

"SUMNER HOUSE,
NEW YORK City,
Sept. 29, 1891.

"MISS M. J. WRIGHT,
"BEACONSVILLE, VA.

"The subscriber begs leave to inform you that he arrived in this city safe and sound Friday night, somewhat tired from the long journey from Virginia. He hopes that you will pardon him when he says that his short visit to your home prior to leaving the Old Dominion was the pleasantest part of the visit. Your uncle, aunt, and self did all in your power (doubtless unknowingly) to make the said visit form a lasting impression upon the memory, and leave an unusually great desire to revisit the state of his birth in the near future. Kindly remember me to your uncle William and tell him I will write to him soon about some improved methods of farming I have just read in which I know he will be interested. Hoping that you will accept the newspapers herewith sent and that you may return to your duties as a teacher refreshed after a pleasant vacation, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

"Respectfully yours,
"JOSEPH J. CLARK."

"Why there ain't a bit of love in that; you didn't—"

"Why you fool! Do you want the woman to think that you are crazy by making love to her at once? Remember you are writing to an educated lady and that a man that claims to be half way educated is doing the writing for you. Now being you have forced me into this plot you must do just the same as if it was a law case in the hands of your lawyer; just leave it to me. You know full well that letter writing, speech writing and the like is my business. Why I do almost all the writing for some of the leading lawyers and newspaper men (all white) in this town and get pay for it too and—"

"Well, do the right thing and I'll pay you, Andy"

"Say, Joe, you're gone; you're crazy; who said a word about pay. Now let me say a word: you are a star road house waiter and first class bar-tender, are you not? You know your business, don't you Joe?"

"Why yes, you can bet your life I do."

"Well, you can make the same bet that I know mine, and letter writing is a part of my business. Here, take the letter and seal it up yourself for fear I might play the Jew on you, and slip in another one. Put on your hat and let's go out and get some fresh air."

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Quarterly Meeting Services.

Logansport, Ind., Special,

Harry Russell is at home for the winter. George Chapman is home on the sick list. John Parker, our mail carrier, is able to be out after a week's illness. Mrs. Kate Turner, our popular hair dresser, has returned home from an extended visit. Rev. Z. Roberts of of Peru, was in town Saturday. Sunday was our first quarterly meeting Communion at 3 p. m., Rev. A. Smith, P. E., preached from Romans 5-6 verses. Rev. R. McDaniel our pastor remains very sick.

Sudden Deaths.

Shreveport, La., Special.

Two electric cars collided on the Ninth Belt line. Robert Adron has returned from Galveston, Tex., where he has been for four or five months. Mr. and Mrs. Premans Hamilton have lost their only child. The mother and father have our sympathy. Mack Johnson has resigned his former occupation and is now employed at the Commercial Restaurant. The party given by the young ladies of the Baptist church at the Misses Jane and Adah Pattersons, was not well attended on account of inclement weather. Mrs. Whitaker, the mother of Lewis Whitaker, fell dead on the 4th. Funeral services were held at Antioch Baptist church. Mr. Patterson offers a fine suit of clothes to the boy selling the largest number of copies of The Freeman from now until the 25th of December 1895.

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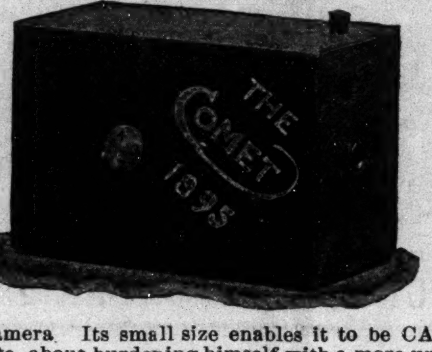

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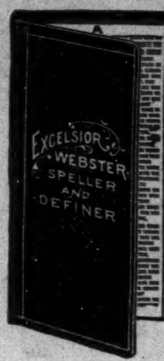

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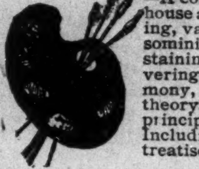

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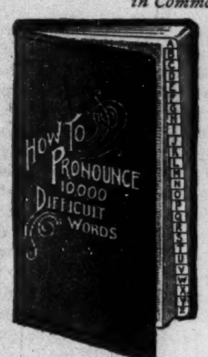

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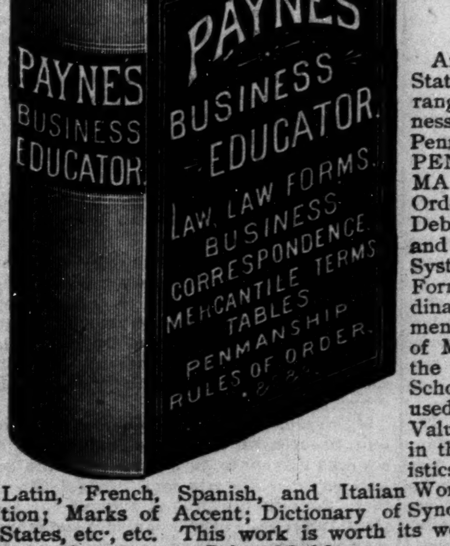

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"UNCLE B.'S" WEEKLY TALK.

CHAPTER II.

"LITTLE FATHERS."

Owen Bright was a little colored boy eleven years old; he was born in Boston, but his father and mother came from Maryland a few years after the war. His father used to be a cook in one of the large hotels in Boston (I have forgotten the name of the hotel) and one day he turned over a large pot of hot lard he had on the stove in the kitchen of the hotel in which he was going to cook some crullers. The hot lard flew all over; a part of it flew on poor Mr. Bright and a part on the stove. What fell on the stove caught on fire and set fire to Mr. Bright, so he was both scalded and burned to death before the second cook could help him. He belonged to a society called "The Afro-American Head Cooks' Protective Union of the United States and North and South America." He belonged to the lodge of this order or society called "Royal Kitchen No. 41144." The lodge said it had $999.99 in the bank, but I guess the head men in the lodge made a mistake when they counted the money. When anybody joined the lodge they promised to give him a $200 funeral when he died, and to give his wife $300 to help take care of the family. When poor Mr. Bright got burned to death, Mrs. Bright went to the lodge for money. The lodge members told her that she must wait until after they had buried Mr. Bright. So they gave Mr. Bright a fine funeral; they had a band of music and marched through many big streets of Boston and then marched to the graveyard. The next day the head man of the lodge went to Mrs. Bright's house and told her that they were sorry, but had spent all the money that they had in the bank for the funeral and music, so they had none to give her. She felt very sorry too when she heard this, as she had five children younger than Owen. What to do poor Mrs. Bright did not know. She was sitting down crying when Owen came home from school.

"Don't cry, mother," said Owen, "I'll leave school and go to work and help *take care of the* other children." So he put an advertisement in one of the morning papers for work, and the next day got an answer and went to work in a clothing store. His work was to open the door for ladies in the morning and to carry out the goods in the afternoon, for which the man that owned the store gave him $3 a week. Now $3 a week in Boston is not much money, but it is $3 more than no money. Mrs. Bright moved over in some cheap rooms in the part of Boston called the "Back Bay," and by being quite saving she managed to keep the family on the $3 for some time. Oh, how proud Owen was! Some weeks he would make a dollar or so extra opening the carriages for rich ladies who came to the store. He would then buy tea, sugar, and other small things and march home with them like a little man.

One day he went out with a suit of clothes and got the money for them which was $12, and when he got back to the store he was just going to hand the money in the office when the shipping clerk called him; so he very foolishly laid the money down on the counter and ran over to see what the clerk wanted. A dishonest salesman came along, and although he knew that Owen left the money there and that it belonged to the firm he put it in his pocket. When Owen came back he found that the money was gone so he began to cry. He told the head men in the store, and they were about to believe his story, when the dishonest clerk walked in and said:

"Mr. Taylor don't believe a word that little coon says; I saw him shooting craps down the street to-day as I came from my lunch and almost know that's where the money is gone."

"You are not telling the truth, Mr. Sneke, you know you are not, and I believe that you have got that money," said Owen.

"Why, how dare you speak that way of me you little black scamp?" said Mr. Sneke as he turned red in the face. Mr. Taylor, the head of the firm believed Mr. Sneke's story and discharged poor Owen Bright, but Mr. Mender, the next head man in the store believed Owen's story, so he kept his eye on Sneke. He saw him go into the room where the men washed their hands, so Mr. Mender followed him and opened the door just as Sneke took one of the store's money envelopes out of his pocket. When he saw Mr. Mender he jumped back and tried to hide it but he could not, so he said:

"Here's that money; that little darky threw it in here."

"You are a thief and a liar both; now you get out of this store pretty quick or I'll have you arrested," said good Mr. Mender.

The dishonest fellow did not wait for his coat and hat, but rushed out. The firm sent one of the other boys after Owen to tell him to come back. The boy caught up with Owen just as he was turning around the corner near his home.

"Say, Owen! I've good news for you. They found the money; old Sneke had it in his pocket, and the bosses 'fired' him (meaning discharged him) and sent me after you to tell you to come back."

Oh, how happy Owen was when he heard the good news. He rushed back to the store ahead of the other boy.

"I did you a great injustice, my little man," said Mr. Taylor, "and now I am going to make up for it by raising your pay to $5 a week, and put you behind the shipping desk wrapping up bundles and when you get older I will make you shipping clerk."

I hope Mr. Taylor will keep his word, for some times business men forget their promises to advance their colored employes. We may hear from Owen again; at present we will be content to know that he is well and still the "little father" of a large family. My story is at its end. Now boys you must wait for two weeks for another story. In the meantime you can read the girl's story. I started to say if they'll let you, but I know you'll read it any how.

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Can you crack any of them?

No 5 SQUARE.

A well-known fruit,
A city in France,
A printing machine,
A city in the southern part of the German Empire.
A written discourse.

No. 6 DECAPITATIONS.

If you'd perform a magic feat,
What well-known beasts would you behead
And find a food they'd like to eat
Instead of finding they were dead?

No. 7

I am a word of two syllables: I contain a quarter of a score of letters; behead me of my first and second letters and you will find a half a score.

No. 8 CONUNDRUM.

What contains more letters than the alphabet?

No. 9 CHARADE.

I am a word of three syllables; my first is an abbreviation for a business firm, my second is a devout Catholic, my third is what every small boy would like to have for Christmas, and my whole will doubtless remain to you what it is.

No. 10. A PUZZLER.

Tom Brown, a white boy, and Dick White, a little colored boy, were the same size, the same age, were born up North in the same town, lived on the same street, and went to the same school. They were firm friends and playmates, still when they went out on a pleasure trip one day last summer, the colored boy was the first one to draw the line. Can you tell why he did it?

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Addie Maxey writes:

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I remain as ever,
ADDIE MAXEY.

I wish to say to the following boys and girls that their letters are in the post office, and will in time receive due attention, if they are not personally answered or do not appear for some time in print you will know it is because I have not got to them yet: Amanda Hightower, Granburg, Tex.; Artiemissee Elmore, Pierce City, Mo.; Alex Rapier, Waverly, Ky.; Frances Hicks, Pensacola, Fla.; Flora E. Richmond, Golconda, Ill.; Andrew F. German, Cato, Oklahoma; Nora Flenoy, Golconda, Ill.; Lucy Harris, Athens, Ala.; Naricassa Talley, Golconda, Ill.; Janette and Mary Jones, Logansport, Ill.; Ida W. Wilson, Portland, Ark.; Gustie R. Parker, Golconda, Ill.; Carrie Cage, Water Valley, Miss.; Albert W. Cage, Water Valley, Miss.; Rowley G. Phillips, Golconda, Ill.; Rosa M. Brown, Dalton, Ga.; Sarah Wilson, Portland, Ark.; Jane E. Brown Memphis, Tenn.; Girtic Brown, Memphis, Tenn.

I must say a word about the letter I got from Adolphus Wright, of Warner Station, Lincoln county Ark., he has only been to school four months in his life; he is sixteen years old. Now lets say a word about him. Of course a boy who has only been to school four months can't be expected to write a perfect letter, but he writes as well as some of you boys and girls who have been to school three, four, or five years; this is nothing against you, but shows that he is an extra smart boy. Look out children! or he may catch up with you. I am going to keep track of him.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sarah Payne, Winchester, Tex.—I deeply regret that we cannot file your letter with the others for two reasons. I hardly know which to put first but will say: First, your letter was post marked Nov. 30th, although it is dated Oct. 28th. We do not file letters mailed after November 1st although we are still receiving letters from out-of-the-way fourth class P. O. towns that were written and mailed a week or so before November 1st. Second, you state that you are eighteen years old, we draw the line on "children" over sixteen years old.

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A Literary Organization.

Normal, Ala., Special.

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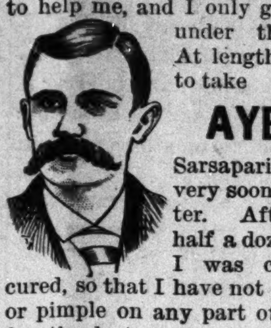

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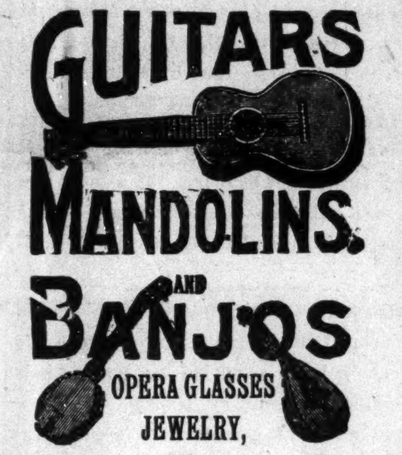

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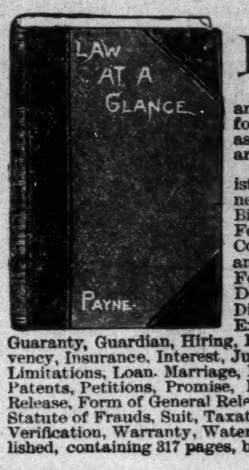

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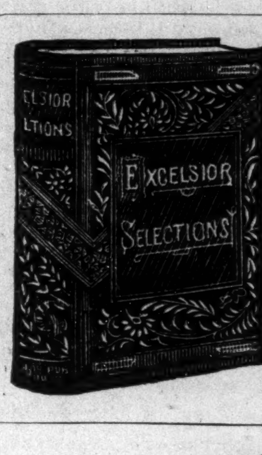

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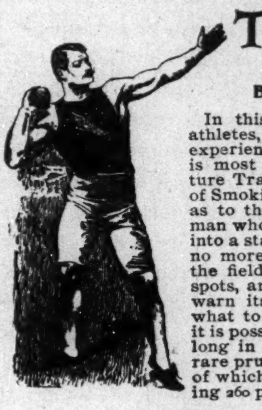

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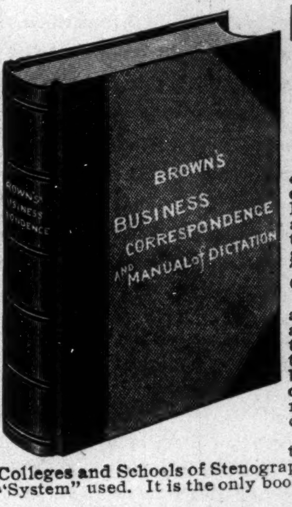

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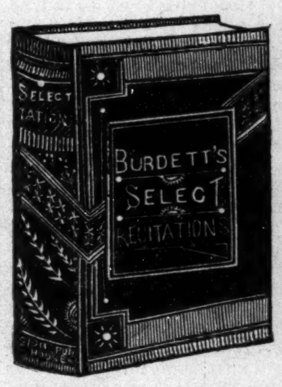

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AS AFRICANS SEE US.

The Liberian Gazette, published in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, speaking of the Negro's difficulties in America, says:

> "Let the race continue to listen to the pleadings of H. T. Johnson, C. S. Smith, T. Thos. Fortune, E. D. Basset and that class of men, who have no hope for the Negroes as a distinct race, apart from the white man's rule, and very soon the few white people that have endeavored to inspire our people with racial and national zeal will despair, turn away from us, and leave us in a veritable hell. How on earth can the hundreds and thousands of young men of education longer endure the direful race calamity that infest almost every section of the American continent. Why don't they raise en masse and leave the cursed land drenched with innocent blood? I had rather be a free man in hell than a slave in heaven, if such a thing was possible."

We feel that the dear African journal is a little splenetic. It has something to say about THE FREEMAN and her former glory, simply because it does not tear its hair for the Migration society. THE FREEMAN has had no pronounced views on the subject. It has tried to be a fair umpire in this great scheme. The Gazette is a partisan for Africa. But we hope that it may not try to be a partisan at THE FREEMAN'S expense. We said and say that it is very likely that the dollar was the motive power behind the scheme. Men's hearts in these troublesome times, as a rule, are not fired by philanthrophy when the Negro is the subject. The Negroes of North America and all Americas prefer America as their habitat. THE FREEMAN believes that the Negro of this country are in accord with its views on the subject. Africa presents no roseate views. The English, Dutch, French, and Spaniards are quarreling over the country as they did over our Master's coat. The fiat has gone forth that the white man shall rule even in the jungles of the Torrid Zone. The day is rapidly coming when the black denizens of Africa will have but six feet of ground..

The London Spectator says that no place on earth will 50,000 Englishmen submit to be ruled except by Englishmen. In Africa, it says, we are meeting with the same difficulties as present confronts America. It favors treating the Negroes as the people of America treat the Indians by putting them on governmental reserves, etc. It says they should not be allowed on juries or permitted to vote. The Dutch are very much more severe; they believe in exterminating them. The Spaniards, with their Indian rubber consciences, winks at slavery and actually permits the traffic. Hundreds of thousands of Negroes are to-day held as slaves on the islands of the sea, to work the plantations, and no one can say nay. All of these and more are the iniquities practiced in that ill-fated country. "Cast down your buckets where you are!" On a crowded boat landing in Africa were the potentates of the Liberian Republic. Some Dutch clerks were aboard. There was no room for the Liberian Vice-President, Congressmen, etc., i. e., berths, but the clerks were accommodated. The dignitaries walked the boards. This is but a sample.

> "If the American Negroes quietly submit to such a national insult, with the excellent opportunities to escape the calamity as is offered by the International Migration Society, located in the adjacent state, we say amen to their damnation."

A fitting finale.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION.

> Up to January 1, 1898, all male persons of voting age, applying for registration who can read any section in this constitution, or understand and explain it when read to them by the registration officer, shall be entitled to register and become electors.
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> Any person who shall apply for registration after January 1, 1898, if otherwise qualified, shall be registered: Provided, that he can both read and write any section of this constition, or can show that he owns and has paid all taxes collectable during the previous year on property in this state, assessed at $300 or more.
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> Managers of election shall require of every elector offering to vote at any election, before allowing him to vote, proof of the payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed against him and collectable for the previous year.

The above are the more pertinent divisions of the sections pertaining to suffrage, just adopted by the South Carolina Convention. All of this would appear fair enough, were it not for the fact that there seems to be an attempt to obstruct Negro education. The conditions work no serious hardship on the Negroes, provided every one, white or black, lives up to the letter. The Negro must have no peculiar laws unless he is not secure in the common ones. We do not deny that the object is to disfranchise the blacks wholesale. But so far as the letter of the law is concerned, there can be no complaint. Whites and blacks are affected alike. We consider it temerity in this to test law that affects all citizens commonly. The United States Constitution simply declares that the laws must not be discriminating. We think that money spent testing it, is not well spent. THE FREEMAN thinks the Negro has fared much better than was anticipated. He may theorize that the law was made for his benefit, but it cannot be proven until he subscribes to the conditions and then gets a result.

EX-CONSUL WALLER'S CASE.

A Washington, D. C., Special to the Indianapolis News Nov. 19th, says:

> "It is not true, as has been stated in dispatches sent from Washington, that our government has indicated a purpose of asking the release as an act of grace, of Ex-Consul Waller. On the contrary, the State Department has refrained thus far from acting on an intimation from France, that the prisoner's release may be obtained as an act of comity, provided Waller surrender all claim for indemnity for false imprisonment. This proposition has been submitted by the State Department to the family and attorneys of Mr. Waller, and they are considering the advisability of submitting it to Waller himself. Regarding the matter as one entirely personal to Mr. Waller, and taking the precarious condition of his health into consideration, his attorneys agree that he should have an opportunity to decide whether or not to accept release upon such conditions. Mrs. Waller has advised against the course. It is understood that the terms suggested bear no relation to Waller's Madagascar land claim. It is also understood that France persists in withholding the material part of the record in the Waller court-martial, which has been demanded by this government. The French government takes the position that the United States has no right to make a demand for the document, but has intimated that nevertheless it would be furnished upon a friendly request for it."

The above speaks for itself. Comment would be somewhat out of place until Mrs. Waller decides absolutely as to her position in this matter. Yet it is very evident that the release of Waller hinges upon the question of his Madagascar claim. To abandon the claim would be a calamity for a number of reasons. To maintain it at this time, seems equally calamitous for Mr. Waller to contend for this disputed territory. France doubtless desires to be rid of Waller, but seems determined to deny him the concession. Our government is either powerless in the matter or utterly indifferent. At any rate, the matter is assuming a tangible state. Whether it be the lack of power or indifference on the part of our government, will soon be manifest. As the matter stands, it may be said to be in an interesting state, with the odds in Waller's favor.

PROF. W. H. PARHAM, of Cincinnati, O., and Wm. R. Stewart, will grace legislative seats in the Ohio legislature.

LYNCHINGS.

The question how to stop lynching has taken a fresh impetus, and will probably occupy the attention of the world for some time.—Daily Crusader.

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The command, "Thou shalt not kill" is as binding now as when it was given on Mt. Sinai, in fact more binding, in the light of our higher civilization. Lynching is murder, and murder is a crime against God and man, whether it be committed by one man or by a mob of one thousand men.—Charleston Enquirer.

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In Tennessee and Texas, where the white christian-hearted people roasts Negroes alive, the poor colored man who happens to be around is compelled to give his "unqualified endorsement" or else he may be given a similar dose. Nice, easy way that is to get his endorsement.—People's Advocate.

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The most barbarous tribe of ancient times were guilty of no more barbaric acts than has been committed in America during the past six years. Just look at the outrages against the Negro under Harrison's administration. Then look at the recent outrages against the Negro in Texas, Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and other states. Burning men at the stake and skinning them alive and the like.—Negro Solicitor.

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This thing of lynching cannot be kept up indefinitely without bringing on a revolution. There will have to be a change of some kind, and that soon. The inquiry will naturally arise after a while, "Why keep up the expensive machinery of government, if it no longer affords protection to life and property?"—Star of Zion, Charlotte, N. C.

IT is said that Maryland had a "genteel" lynching without the roasting feature.

THE people of Indianapolis and vicinity will have the pleasure of visiting the Northern Pacific Land Department's World's Fair car, Nov. 28th at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Alvord street. It will be a comprehensive display of the fauna and flora, cereal, mineral, etc., to be found in the states traversed by this line.

INDIANA should take a few lessons from Ohio. Ohio has three Negro citizens in her legislature. It should not be said this time that a Negro on the ticket is inimical to its success in Indiana.

HON. H. C. SMITH has been elected to the Ohio legislature. While his election is no surprise to us, yet it is very complimentary to the editor of the Cleveland Gazette. We congratulate him.

ELLA SHARPE WHITE in the Memphis Commercial-Appeal, says:

> "I am not speaking too plainly when I say I had just as leave trust my virtue with a Zulu savage as a set of men who can throw aside the cloak of civilization and lend themselves to the perpetration of such an outrage of God and christianized humanity."

THE FREEMAN will publish a sixteen page Christmas number. It will be replete with the choicest matter from the best writers. All the more prominent Negroes in the United States and abroad will be represented in some capacity.

AS TO NEGRO DEMOCRATS.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The comments on lawyer T. McCants Stewart's political change of heart found on the front page of your issue of the 9th invites more than a passing notice. During the Harrison-Cleveland campaign of 1888 while secretary of the Charles Sumner Club of Brooklyn I made several speeches in the interest of Harrison in general and the Republican party in particular. As a public speaker I was engaged to address the "Young Colored Men's Republican Club of Bridgeport, Conn, on Sept. 24th, and devoted the whole of my remarks in paying my respects to the "Negro Democrats." In replying to the comment pro and con upon Mr. Stewart's actions I beg leave of The Freeman and its readers to repeat the speech I made at Bridgeport. After the formal introduction I said:

Mr. President and fellow colored voters: We are living in a strange age, an age of great inventions, an age which gives birth to many new and wonderful things. We have opened a presidential campaign, this is nothing new; colored men are taking an active part, this again is nothing very new. Colored men have in the past done all in their power for Republican success. Noted speakers identified with our race have lifted up their voices in advocacy for the party they honestly believed was our best friend. Colored journalists have used their pen with vigor, showing the wrongs done us by the Democratic party, and we all have worked hard in New York, Connecticut and other States North to bring out the full black vote for the Republican party, thereby showing to the world we had no esteem for the party that openly wronged us of our political rights in the South. In the past it was not the object of our leaders to instruct colored voters how to vote, but remind them not to neglect that great duty. These things, therefore are nothing new.

To-day we are called out not to request our people to vote, but—mark the change—we are working hard in New York and other Middle States to prevent black men from voting the Democratic ticket, to keep men with Negro blood in their veins from putting their hands into a political fire; this, indeed, is something new and novel. A new individual has sprung up like a mushroom in American politics, to wit the "Negro Democrat," (laughter). Don't laugh! I regret it is a fact. He comes foward and tells us we have paid the "debt of gratitude" we owed the Republican party; that we are free men, and must now use our freedom; that the color of a man's skin should not be the badge of his political affiliation; that the salvation of the black man has suddenly been transferred to the Democratic party.

Are these assertions true? I frankly admit if it were to repay past favors, we have for years been voting the Republican ticket, the debt is paid. I acknowledge that we should think, act and vote like other freeman; I do not believe that the color of a man's skin should be any more the sign of his politics than that of his religion; I deny and stamp as a lie the assertion that our political rights will be received sooner from Democratic than Republican hands. [Applause].

We must, in the campaign, do as other voters, support the party we think is the truest, purest and best; the party we honestly believe will champion our rights; the party we believe will enforce all over this broad land the rights guaranteed to every American citizen, regardless of race, color or previous nationality, "life liberty and protection;" the party that believes American industry should be protected; the party we know has done the most good in the past for the country, in our judgment, will do so in the future. [Applause],

Can we safely believe these Negro tricksters, who claim the Democracy offers inducements alluring enough to draw us to that party? Reviewing its past history we fail to find anything to substantiate their sophistry. [Applause.

Four years ago the Democratic party secured the head of the government. At that time in a large section of the country—the South—the will of the majority was unlawfully suppressed; by that suppression they gained power and by the same method they cherished the forlorn hope they will retain it. We colored men in the North are asked to help elect a government which prevents black men in the South from lawfully voting, or voting as they wish; to help elect a president whose party's only hope for success is through fraud in the South; the party that indirectly tells us through the New York Sun of May 16th, this is a white man's government. Is this logic, is this common sense, is it anything but base audacity? Many of the present colored voters of the Middle States were born in the South. Sons of that clime, why have you left your homes of your birth? why do you often speak of the good old times and the friends you have left behind? What caused you to bid farewell to those scenes made sacred to your memory by childhood? Why have you left father, mother, and in some cases, wife and child, and drifted North among strangers? The answer in the main is the same: Times become so hard in the South that in order to better your condition you came North,—some their social, some their financial, and others their political conditions. The cause is also the same; condensed it is as follows: The Democratic party in the South by force and all the unlawful methods that a naturally unlawful section could invent having secured control of your native states, made laws so binding and unjust, that in order to live like free men you were obliged to flee from your homes, not able to take those dear to your heart with you. They were left behind, trusting that God would open some avenue for their escape, or that a better condition of things would come. Use reason; will these avenues be opened by you voting to keep in power the party that has these conditions? No! (cries of No!) It is an insult bordering closely upon crime, to ask you to give your suffrage to the Democratic party. Yes, as I ponder over it, I am convinced it is a criminal insult and should be punished as a crime; yes, I will go further, it is treason, high treason, to ask a people help defeat a party that has saved their country from ruin, and made them free men. Then we are told, some sins are unpardonable; this may not be one, but I will not forgive these dusky tricksters until I know that God has.

It is an insult to every black man of intelligence in the North who can read, or has heard read the platforms of both parties. Do these men think that we, surrounded by light and knowledge in the North and reading the political outrages in the South, are fools enough to vote the Democratic ticket? Why have these men left the Republican party? Do those of intelligence believe what they advocate? They do not. Let me impress a truth upon your minds; any man with enough Negro blood in his veins to make it an object or a necessity to indentify himsels with our race, who tells you in this campaign he is a Democrat is either a fool our a knave. If he is an ignorant loafer that hangs about barrooms, doing the menial work of the place, the only compensation for which is a glass of rum, he is a fool. He knows nothing of the workings of the government, and gaines his political knowledge from what he hears. He is a Democrat because members of that party gives him "free whisky" (laughter). He sells his rights for a drink. If you are strictly pious, remember him in your prayers, if you are not call him a fool, and place before the noun whatever adjective you generally use to describe such a man. He can do you no harm, nor the great party to which you belong. [Applause]. On the other hand, if the "Negro Democrat" is a man of learning, a man you have heretofore cherish the false idea, was a champion (for) the cause of his race, watch him, he is a knave. He is an ex-minister or ex-journalist, who thinks he is far-seeing enough to behold Democratic victory in the fall, and has sacrificed our rights upon the altar of his onw ambition. He is a Democrat because he hopes to get an office through his treachery, ("cries that's so.") If he were honest in his alleged belief, that the Republican party was false to his race, and has made himself without our consent, a Moses to lead us from the land of Republican deceit, to the safe shores of another party, why does he not direct his course toward the Labor, Equal Rights, or Prohibition party? They know not a man by his creed or color, but ask all voters to join their cause.

The answer is plain and simple. These parties have no show of winning in this campaign and he would get nothing for his "convictions." Another amusing fact presents itself to the thinking colored voter; none of these men were Democrats four years ago, when that party was out of power. It is only a year or so, only since they concluded the Democrats would win, they have flopped. Yes, some of them have been converted (?) since Cleveland was re-nominated. I believe that all "men are created free and equal," still all intelligent men know that every race and nation has its peculiarities. We have ours; one peculiarity of ours is we are slow to change the religion or politics of our youth; we are as a rule slow to forsake the old paths our fathers have trod. Beware of sudden conversions; the colored man that suddenly reforms I watch closer than the open offender. The Negro that changes his religion or politics, like the flash of a gun, does it for "personal reasons." I am not, as a rule, a skeptic, still I say here to-night with all the solemnity that man ever uttered words, nothing short of Divine revelation will ever make me believe that any intelligent man with Negro blood in his veins is at heart to-night a Democrat. That it may come, reviewing that party's treatment of black men in the South, places it in the far future—yes, ages hence.

Let the oracles inform these "Negro Democrats," as they do me to-night, that Harrison and Morton will be elected; [applause] that both Houses of Congress will soon be Republican; [applause] that the wrongs done our race in the South [applause] will soon be righted. Upon looking in the Republican enclosure to-morrow you would find these men dead, killed by the fall in their hurry to get over the fence, or from the fear after they got over, that they were too late for "personal reasons" [laughter.] Keep the good news from them! "Let the dead bury their dead," let the white Democrats bury them, we have no time; we have been invited to a much larger funeral [laughter.] These men are political gamblers, nothing more. I am sorry for them. In the language of the race track: somebody has given them the wrong "tip," they are betting upon the wrong horse. If the Democratic party should inform them there was no cash for the work they are doing, no office to give these black Democrats, that, to use a moral slang, there would be no "hand outs" after the election should that party win, that the dusky Democrat must work like many of his fairer brothers, simply for the success of his party, these knaves would suddenly remember that at least in three states of the South, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina, there were more black voters than white. They would remember that the black voters were all Republicans, and that the vote of said blacks had been "suppressed." They would pull off their coats and work for Republican success for personal reasons."

Fellow citizens, I am a Republican for national reasons [applause] for the reason that I believe it will do more for my race than the Democratic party, judging from the past records of both parties. [Applause]. It is a higher object than self that prompts me to take an active part in this campaign on the Republican side. Country before race, race before self. As an American citizen I sincerely believe that my country will advance more in the next four years under Republican than under Democratic rule. [Applause] As a Negro I believe that more of the wrongs done my race will be rightened under a Republican government. [Applause]. As and individual, I say here to-night, and call God as my witness, if the Democratic party were to make me President of the United States, and still wrong my race in the South I would resign, although I might be obliged to beg my bread. [Applause]. Colored voters of the North, be not led astray; the greatest proof that we are political slaves will be shown by voting the Republican ticket. It will show to all intelligent white men, that we have read, studied the platforms of both parties, that we have the interest of the country at heart and the interest of our race. Stand fast, be men, let not the sainted spirits of John Brown, Thaddeus Stevens, and Charles Sumner looked down upon us and see us helping to destroy the principles for which they worked.

Let not the spirits of our black brothers who fell at Fort Wagner and Port Hudson, haunt us for deserting the cause for which they died. Let not our children look with shame upon the political doings of their sires. Let us not be the stepping stone whereby a few traitors to their race will gain a few menial offices.

There are many questions of great importance in this campaign, questions that will interest every American citizen of every race or previous nationality, the paramount one for us to decide is: shall we vote to keep in power the party that has always been in the past, is still in the present, and openly says it will be in the future, our enemy, or shall we aid to replace the reins of government in the hands of a party that has always been *our political friend* and promises to continue the same? [Applause.]

Intelligent colored voters of the North, it is an insult to ask you such a foolish question. I crave your pardon, still let me warn you to beware of these dusky political bunco men.

Let not the silver tongue of any colored orator, nor the artful pen of any Negro journalist allure you into the Democratic den. Keep your eyes open, close your ears to everything but facts; in an age of reason, use reason. Intelligent colored voters of the North, let us form ourselves into a committee of the whole and warn our weak-minded colored brothers not to listen to the sophistry of these men. Let us take our credulous voters to the political rogues' gallery and show them these "Negro Democrats'" pictures, to the political police headquarters and show them these men's records. Let us work from now until the close of election for the party that declares it believes "in the personal rights and liberties of citizens in all States and Territories in the Union, and especially to the supreme and sovereign rights of every lawful citizen, rich or poor, natural or foreign born, white or black, to cast one free ballot in public election and have that ballot counted," and victory will crown our work. [Applause.]

The situation has not changed since the great battle of 1888 the Democratic party of to-day is the same as that of yesterday the creed of the Republican party is just as true, and I repeat that although I am open to conviction I never expect to be convinced that any intelligent Negro is now or ever has been a Democrat at heart. The "political greatness" of these statesmen has been greatly over rated; what influence, local or national has these Negro Democrats had upon the masses of colored voters? How many black men have changed their political opinion because the Hon A. or Prof. B. deserted the Republican party? A note worthy thing is that most of our Democratic brothers in yellow, brown and black have jumped the fence after the Negro plums had been given out by the Republican administration. Is more comment needed?

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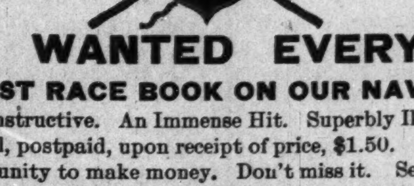

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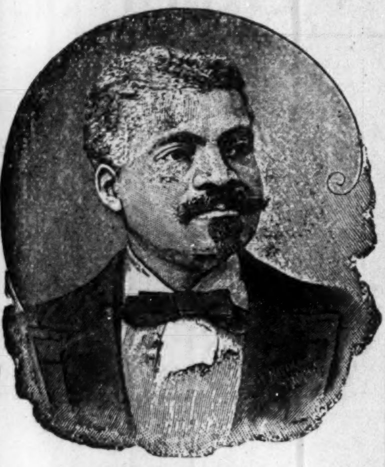
CHAPTER XXXVIII.

On Thursday we had a morning session, after which the Harrison men held a convention of which Chauncey Depew was president. This convention had great influence over the delegates. I was otherwise engaged and could not be present. A delegate from Arkansas came up to me and asked me: "Suppose Harrison is defeated and fails to get the nomination of this convention." "If such will be the case," I replied, "we will have to sneak home through a back way, for we dare not let the people know, when we get in, they will be so indignant."

I often visited the different delegations, and one day had a long argument in presenting my man. A tall, fine looking New Yorker asked me about Mr. Harrison. I said he is very strong. He wished to know what made him strong. I said he had 22 votes in the New York delegation, and if he can receive that number in a delegation under the influence of such men as Fassett, Clarkson and Platt, he is undoubtedly a strong man. Again asking me if he was so strong I replied, "yes, he is a bass; he swims up stream and minnows must get out of the way. He is mighty from the beginning." This same gentleman asked me what he had done, and I retorted, what has he not done: "He has made us one of the best Presidents of the country and has brought prosperity to it. Take him as a citizen, in his family, as a warrior, as a general, as a Senator, his character stands forth like the Son of Man. As Moses held up the serpent in the wilderness, so was He sent to man to be held up before the world, and all looking upon Him shall be saved. He is so grand and American-like all men will be drawn unto him. While Mr. Blaine is a good man and statesman, he does not possess the magnetism that Harrison does. Blaine cannot get the votes. In 1884 Mr. Cleveland defeated him for the Presidency, and to illustrate, Harrison then defeated Mr. Cleveland. This shows to me conclusively that Harrison is the strongest man. Because Harrison could not give all these men positions they are down upon him."

"Well, what position, do you hold?" I replied I did not hold any, except the position of an American citizen under a prosperous administration. In the parlors at the New York headquarters I was placed upon a chair and asked to make a speech. At the conslusion of it I was given three rousing cheers, and people came to the parlors to learn what caused the noise. When I went into the delegation we had but 22 votes, and when I came out Harrison had 30 votes, and I could not but feel that this was the result of some of my hard work. During the speech I was frequently interrupted, and Mr. Todd standing near me said: "Only one speak at a time," but I said that they could talk, but must not get angry, for no matter who would be the nominee they would have to support him anyway. I forgot to mention that on the evening previous I had been approached by four gentlemen from our delegation who informed me that a committee of five had been appointed to call upon the Arkansas delegation and I was selected as chairman. I was thinking to myself that was a distinct honor, and afterwards the thought came to me that perhaps they thought the delegation was composed of colored men, and it would be best to have me go as chairman of the committee. When we arrived at the Arkansas headquarters, instead of finding it composed of colored men, they were all white with the exception of Judge Gibbs. I took in the situation at once. We were introduced to each member present, and a number of distinguished men composed the delegation. One of our committee began to speak, saying we had come for the purpose of finding out how the delegation stood for Harrison. I interrupted him, and asked to be allowed to speak for a moment. I did not think they should be approached in so direct a manner, as if we had come to electioneer. I asked one man how the delegation stood for Harrison, saying we felt satisfied we could rely upon them. He said: "Gentlemen, the New York delegation has been with us for about an hour and a half and has been reading the texts and papers, etc., in favor of Blaine. They have just been gone about fifteen minutes. We took a vote and that vote resulted in 15 for Harrison and one for Blaine, sixteen being the number of the delegation members." I stated that we need have no fear of the Arkansas delegation, and being introduced to the Blaine supporter, told him he could not be blamed for supporting Blaine as he was a fine man, but requested that if he saw that Blaine would have no show that he give his vote for Harrison. He replied that if he saw things going against Blaine, and he had no chances, he would give our man his support. Withdrawing from the delegation we reported to headquarters how things stood.



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On Thursday evening I met Gen. Griffin of Hammond, Ind., and he suggested that we go down to dinner together. We did so, but found the dining room rather crowded. At last we espied a table, where a delegate and his wife were, and a waiter also seeing us, directed Mr. Griffin to take a seat at that table, thinking I would go to some other table, as I was colored, but Mr. Griffin did not care if it was a colored man who was with him, and said: "We will take seats here." The lady's face changed color and she looked very indignant that I should sit at the table with her. Presently Sen. Spooner of Wisconsin and Gen. Wallace took seats at our table and we were discussing the convention. Senator Spooner was a staunch supporter of Harrison, and a conspicuous character in the convention. Senator Spooner said that there was a majority report to be adopted, and that he would go up and move that the convention approve of the majority report, which he did. It was unexpected to the Blaine men, and they feared it would give us the advantage of the grounds. Senator Spooner suggested that some Indiana delegate second the motion, and if my memory serves me right, Gen. Griffin did so, and the motion was carried.

The hall at night was crowded with delegates and spectators, about 12,000 people being present, in fact the largest number I had ever seen in one inclosure. You will imagine the surprise of this vast audience when at 11 o'clock we found ourselves in utter darkness. The city's contract with the light company was to furnish light until that hour. knew that if the people began to get excited and make for the exits to the hall, there would be a stampede and many persons injured, perhaps crushed to death. Thinking of this I quietly slipped out of the hall, and when the lights were turned on again, I returned. Abont 1 o'clock in the morning some members of our delegation complained of being sleepy, and I told them we were not there to eat, sleep or drink, if necessity demanded, until we nominated Harrison. I suggested that they observe the manner in which other delegations were working, and that we should work more than they, as we were the ones presenting the nominee to the convention, The convention adjourned about 2 o'clock.

While I was coming from headquarters about an hour afterward, I was approached by a colored man, who asked me if I was not Mr. Knox of Indiana. I replied that I was. Without much preliminary talk he asked me if I wanted to be a man, and I told him that had always been the ambition of my life, and I desired to know how he could make me a man. He said "by money," and that by going to a certain room in the hotel I could get all the money I wanted. I asked him if he meant by being bought and he replied "yes." Well, I replied, if there is any buying to do, I am in that business myself, whereupon he immediately left me, saying he had meant no harm.

On Friday morning, after eating breakfast at the West House, and counciling at headquarters our attention was turned to the convention which opened about 10 o'clock. I had received for my part five packs of tickets for admission to the convention, and had frequent requests to sell some, as many had been sold at $25 and $30 a pack, and some as high as $5 a single ticket, but mine were to be given away. After my supply of tickets was exhausted I had requests for more, but did not need them, as I had become acquainted with the gatekeeper, and he allowed those to pass whose names I mentioned.

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Social Events.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Misses M. L. Clay and Lila Rankin, of Huntsville, Ala., passed through the city Friday night, enroute to the Exposition at Atlanta. Mrs. Alice Swan and baby left this week to join her husband in Cincinnati. Mme. Flora Batson-Bergan is expected in the city about Dec. 1st. Rev. T. A. Thompson has returned from conference and will be with us another year. The G. U. O. of O. F. will hold a grand Fair at Evans' hall, corner Sixth and Market streets, Nov. 25th, 26th, 27th, and will close Thanksgiving eve., the 28th. This will be one of the grandest exhibitions ever given in the city. All kinds of fancy work will be on exhibition. There will be an excellent program rendered each evening. The proceedings will be published in The Freeman; don't miss a copy. On the 6th, inst., Thomas Henry was married to Miss Amanda Lee, of Scottsboro, Ala. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Zeigler, pastor of Wiley Memorial church, at the residence of Mrs. Giles Turner, 1002 Cowart street, after which Mrs. Turner served cake, wine and cream to a host of friends that were present. Leave your news items at Dr. O. W. James' drug store, corner W. Ninth and Poplar streets.

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Tyler, Tex,, Special.

Looking over the columns of The Freeman and seeing so many letters from different places I think it high time to let the people hear something from our city. Tyler has a population of about 10,000, of which about 3,000 are colored. We have one colored grocery, one barber shop, two colored restaurants, two doctors, nine teachers that are employed in the public school, but we need about as many more, we have one private school, one lawyer, six churches, three Baptist, two Methodist, one Episcopalian.

This city, until the past week, has been one of the most pleasant villages to live in the Lone Star State but it has lost its reputation. You can hear nothing now but insults from the low class of whites, such as those that took an active part in burning Henry Hilliard. Some of them have gone so far as to say that it was needless to take down the iron scaffold which Hilliard was displayed on as they would need it to burn another Negro on before six months. The writer has been a constant reader of The Freeman for over five years and can say that he is well pleased with the paper through out and especially the editorials, for they are plain and true and fearless of condition, and as a race journal it stands without a parallel and should be in the home of every colored citizen. The teachers of the A. M. E. church have organized a sewing circle. We wish them success. Frank McFarland has accepted a position as head waiter at the National hotel. Miss Dora Ballard is expected to return home next week from a pleasant sojourn in Dallas. Dallas Tilley and R. C. Holland have returned from a long trip over the Cotton Belt system.

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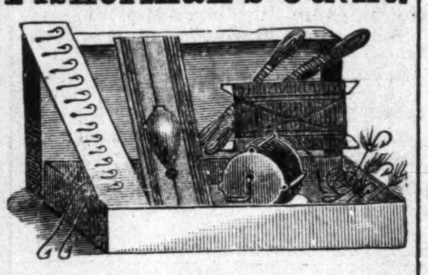

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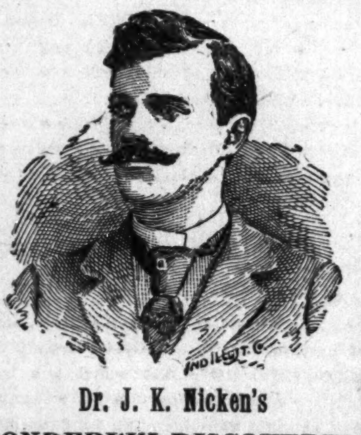
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Personal Mention.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs H. S. McChristian spent the 10th and 11th inst., at home. She leaves for Connersville, Tenn., where she teaches a private school in music. Mr. W. M. Thompson and wife came to his fathers, Mr. C. J. Thompson, on last week. He left his wife and returned to Roger William's College, Nashville, Tenn., to resume his studies. A law suit, Prof. R. L Whitesides, vs., Rev. J. A. Jones, for personation. J. C. McAdams, Mr. Whitesides' lawyer did himself honor and would have gainde the case owing to the absence of the Prof. Mrs. J. Jones is sick; her husband will leave for Fayetteville, as soon as he can leave his wife. Profs. James Edmanson, Joseph Claybron and R. P. Purdy's schools closed on the 8th inst. Prof. R. P. will take the principalship in the Turner College. Mrs. Mary Ella Sims' school closed on the 8th inst. Mr. G. H. Doxey, the candy maker, went to Louisburg, Tenn., with his traveling store to the show.

Miss Rachel Manchiel went to Nashville, Tenn., last week to see her sister.

The surprise party given the widow of the late Henry Allison, was a thoughtful and pleasant affair. Those participating were the good and thoughtful citizens of the city. Mr. George Buford is spending a few days in the city with his old friends. A very nice Thanksgiving program for Mt. Zion Baptist church. The following persons will take part: Rev. T. J, Story, D. D., Messrs. Moore, Gosling, Thompson, McAdams, V. D. Turner, Misses McKinney, Trail Davis, Washington Anderson, Bell and Mrs. McAdams. Mr. A. Wilson says he will always be a close student of The Freeman and then he will know what the race is doing. Get it at W. H. Gosling's store.

A Benefit Concert.

Battle Creek, Mich., Special.

Miss Coleman of Marshall, visited friends in the city last week. She is trying to get a class of pupils in instrumental music. Mr. Wm. Tucker and children have returned home after a several week's visit with relatives and friends in Kent. Miss Stella Cook of Kent, is visiting relatives and friends in the city. Rev. Miller of Detroit, preached at the A. M. E. church Wednesday evening, Nov. 6th. He was on his way to the A. M. E. con- conference in Arkansas. Fred Gaines left Tuesday evening November 5th, for Marshall where he will accept a position in the Johnson Hotel. Rev. Morris of Kalamazoo, preached at the Second Baptist church Thursday evening Nov. 1st. Chas. Griffin is very ill of pnuemonia. Mr. McKissick, sole agent for the "Self-Pouring Tea and Coffee Pots," is in the city for a few weeks. Mrs. Martha Toyer of Lansing is in the city for a few days, the guest of Mrs. H. F. Snodgrass. The benefit concert for Henry Tucker which was held Friday evening Nov. 8th, was a success. There was music by the quartette viz., Messrs. John Eely, Jacob Corbin, Thomas Foster, Wesley Williams, solos by Mrs. Nelson Farmer also by members of the quartette and a speech and recitation by O. S. Beebe. Many of the performers responded to encores. Miss Grace Clark's performance as organist was excellent. The hall was crowded and all seemed pleased with the evenings entertainment. Refreshments were served after the exercises. Mrs. Hanibal Chase had occasion to exhibit her powers as hostess when a number of her lady friends and acquaintances called at her residence Saturday afternoon to give her a social good time. She did not loose her name of being a most charming entertainer notwithstanding the suddenness of the occasion. Mrs. Jas. Buckner had a similar experience Saturday evening and with materially the same result. Mrs. George Marshall and infant son have returned from a several week's visit with relatives and friends in Oxford, Ohio.

Personal Mention.

Tyler, Tex., Special.

Rev. R. T. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist church of Tyler, preached an able sermon last Sunday night, Theme "The Lord Reigneth let the Earth Rejoice." Mrs. Ester Smith, wife of the deceased Martin Smith, received her money from the U. B. F. Lodge. Messrs. A. D. Elliott and J. D. Phillips will give a grand Thanksgiving concert at the First Baptist church, which promises to be a grand occasion.

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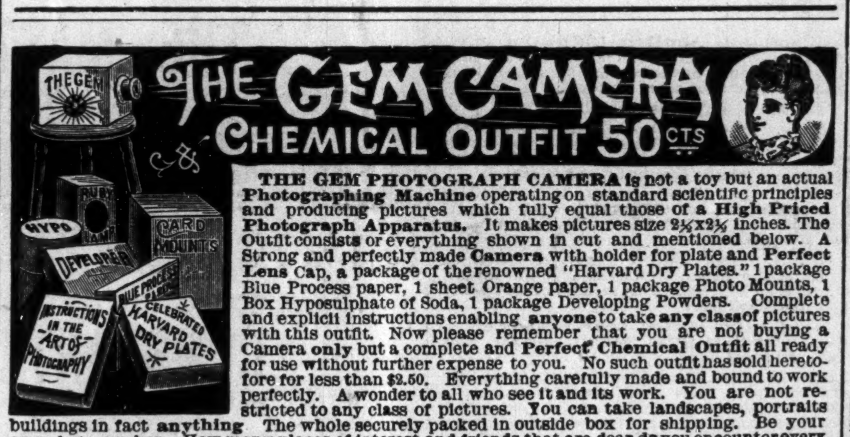

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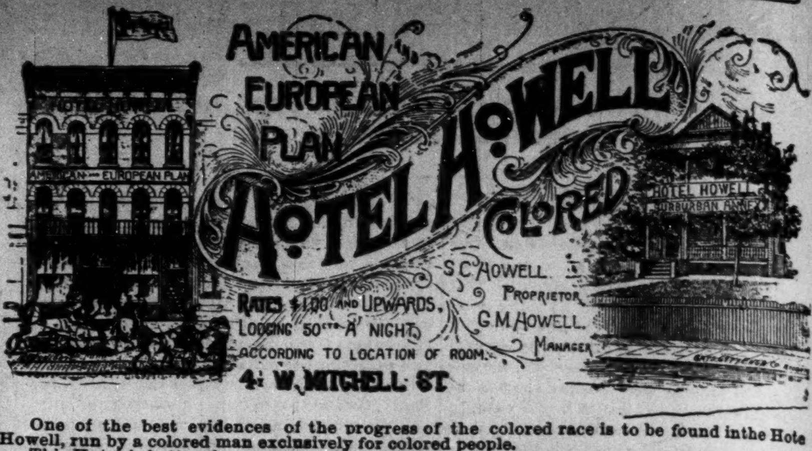

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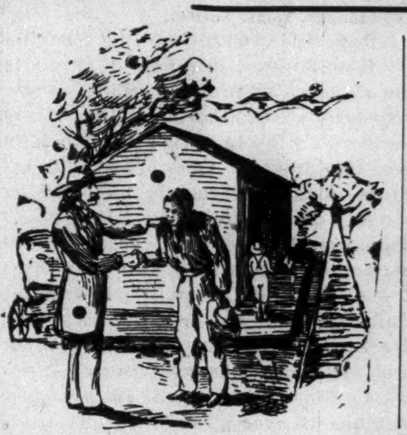

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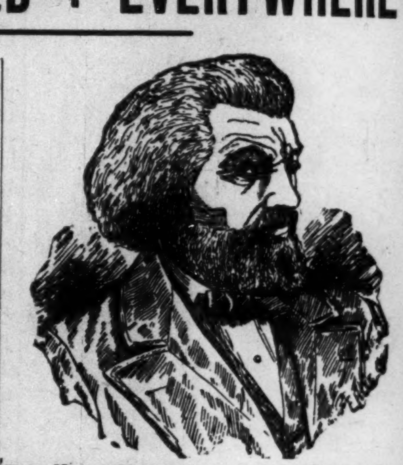

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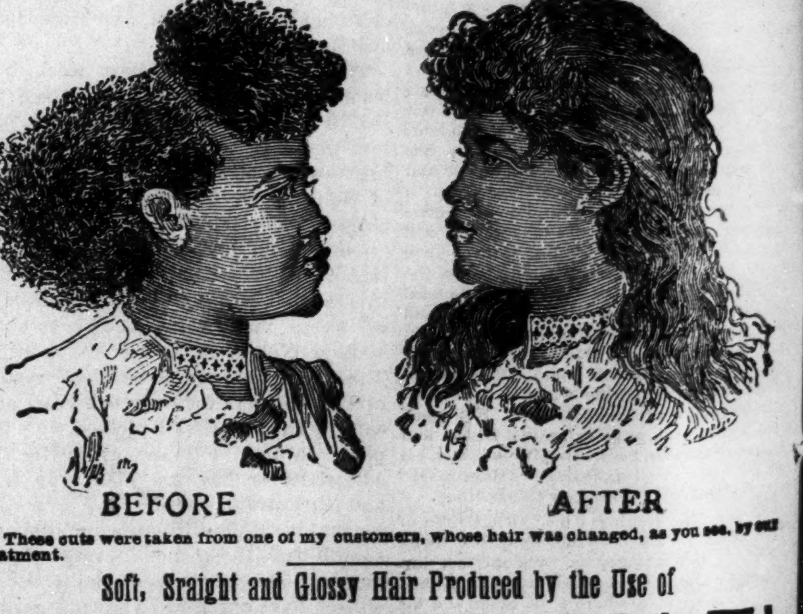

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Rev. Christian took as a text John 5 39: "Search ye the scriptures, for in them ye find eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." He said:

Friends, I want to say to you at this juncture that preachers have been preaching to you to pray and get religion, when the bible doesn't teach that, but it does say, James 1 26, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridle not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, James 1 27, "Visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and keep thyself unspotted from the world."

Listen, hear me: Preachers have been teaching you that Adam was the first man. I deny this. Gen. 1 26, says, "God created man in His own image;" also, Gen. 2 7, reads, "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." Now Adam could not possibly have been the first man. There was a generation before Adam. Remember there was a war in heaven and those fallen angels were driven down on earth. I claim that this heaven was not the sanctum sanctorium where God was, but it was the place that was called heaven. When God divided the waters from under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and that Lord God spoken of was Malchiseder. Certain it is there was a generation existing on earth, for Cain and Able were Adam and Eve's first issue. After Cain had slew Abel, he was afraid lest some man should slay him; Gen. 4 14. Then Cain went over into the land of Nod, there he took unto himself a wife, Gen. 4 16. Proving there were people here, some of you folks try to say that angels are invisible. Now listen: when Adam and Eve were driven from the garden, God placed cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life, Gen. 3 24. These cherubims were visible, and when the angels blessed Abraham he washed their feet and gave them food to eat, showing that they were visible. Speaking of the Lord God, I claim that he was Melchiseder, and that he ruled the land of heaven. Some of you say he was Christ, but according to Paul, he met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the Kings, and blessed them. Then the Lord has sworn He will not repent, thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizidek, showing it could not possibly have been Christ. Some say he was Adam, but the bible refutes that, as Melchizidek has no beginning of days or ending of time. Melchizidek was that man that God created on the order of Christ.

Lay aside creed and color and get on the word of God. Some of you bring the devil out of heaven and carry him straight through the earth to hell, but if the bible is correct, he stopped on earth. Rev. 12 9, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil or satan, which deceiveth the whole world. He was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him." And the devil is still on earth. He is the man with an evil spirit. The serpent that tempted Eve was not a snake that crawled on his belly, but was a man. Christ called Judas Iscariot, a devil. He spoke of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon, for he it was that should betray him. That shows the wicked are devils.

Sam Jones said that when he was preaching in Chicago, a woman said to him, "Bro. Jones I cannot understand you." He replied, "Well Madam, I am not responsible for your ignorance." Now if any of you here don't understand me, I am not responsible. What I say the bible is here to prove, and I defy any man, black or white, to take the bible and dispute me. What I preach is the bible, and if we are saved at all, it must be through the word of God. Come neighbor, get on the word of God; if you want Christ, take the word.

Sam Jones is honored by the whites, and I will always love him. He gave me a chance here on this rostrum when every door among my race was closed against me. He gave me a show before an audience of 10,000 peeple, and on the influence gained through him, I am here to-day at work for God and the right.

Adam is the head of the Negro race. We are direct descendents of Adam. The white race are decendants of Melchizedek. The whites try to say we decended from Ham because he was disobedient. Adam lived 130 years and begot a son in his own likeness and after his image, and called his name Seth. From Seth we sprang. Abraham was an Ethiopian untill he was 99 years old, when he became a Jew by the act of circumcision, when he received a blessing and God changed his name from Abram to Abramham, and his wife's from Sari to Sarah. God told Abraham that in thee and in thy seed all nations of the earth shall be blessed. Abraham was blessed by obeying God. We must obey God to receive blessings. I said the Negro was the salvation of all living. The word Ethiopian means black. Moses' wife was an Ethiopian woman and when Moses' sister laughed at her God cursed her with leopersy. If you obey God you shall live. Solomon says he was black. This speaks well for us. Solomon was the wisest man; then if Solomon was black, David was black, and Christ came out of the loins of David, then Christ came out of the Ethiopian family. Revelation says his hair was like lamb's wool and his eyes like balls of fire.

You make Christ white, God white, all the angels white and nothing black but the devil. Now I cannot draw any pictures, but if I take this bible and draw a picture I must do so. God is my witness. We haven't had chances to do like you. If the bible says black it stands between us. I only repeat the word as written. Not color but character makes the man. There are but two classes, the good and the bad. The bible calls them sheep and goats. Whether you are white or black you must obey God or go to hell. You whites must love us and we must love you. God is no respector of persons.

You have separate coach laws; you have all kinds of laws here, you stand on one side of the fence and we on the other. This won't do, you must come together. John 13 34 35, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another." Christ commands white and black to be one. We all must be one or go to hell. We must obey God, whether white or black, rich or poor, if we don't we shall perish. We all must be one.

Our people must come together; as long as we remain what we are we cannot prosper; come together and get God's word and he will prosper us. No christian ought to drink wine. Lot's daughter made him drink and brought shame on his family; God told Aaron to drink no wine or strong drink; God told Moses when a man shall separate himself unto the Lord, he shall separate himself unto the Lord, he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. And I say that all christians should abstain from strong drink. The bible says it is the poison of dragons.

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"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.

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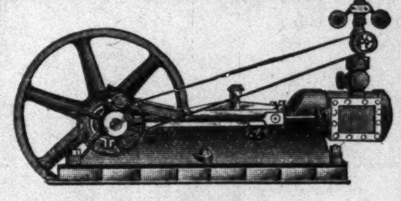

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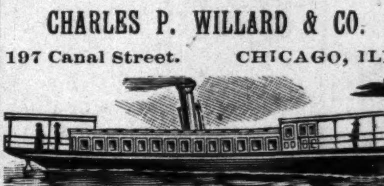

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On August 20, 1895, Leon Davidson by his attorney, U. F. Brickley, petitioned for a divorce from his wife, Lulu Davidson, alleging abandonment, gross neglect of duty and adultry. In his petition he made affidavit that the whereabouts of the defendant, his wife, was unknown to him, and that the only way service could be obtained, would be by publication. This morning Mrs. Lulu Davidson, who is a very pretty and attractive colored lady of maroon type, called at the county clerk's office and asked clerk Pabst if it was a fact that Leon Davidson had secured a divorce from her. The papers were shown her, and after reading the petition she stated that each and every one of the allegations were untrue. She asked Mr. Pabst when the petition was filed, and was told it was filed on Aug. 20th. She then said "I was here in this city on Aug. 18th, and was accompanied to my train by my husband on the morning of the 19th, at which time he purchased my ticket for Indianapolis, which is and has always been my home, and he knew it." She is very anxious to get possession of their girl baby, that he has in Cincinnati, under his custody. Mrs. Davidson is very indignant over his fake basely charges against her. It is not yet known what steps she will take. As Mrs. Davidson states the case, it seems that she was misrepresented by false reports and his future course depends greatly upon the steps taken by Miss Davidson, but from what we learn she has concluded to drop the case.—The Hamilton Times.

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Women's fine Dongola Shoes	1.29
Women's fine Dongola, cloth top, Shoes	98
Misses' and Children's School Shoes	98
Children's hand turn Shoes	49
Infants' fine Shoes	19
Infants' Soft Soles	19

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Anniversary Week Prices will Prevail in Every Department.

Special prices during Anniversary Week on our Elegant line of

Capes, Jackets and Tailor-Made Suits.

25 different styles in Velour Capes, Full Sweep, elegant fur trimmming, beaded, latest cut at **$35.00**

A few choice Velour Capes, full sweep, handsomely trimmed, beaded, latest cut at **$25.00**

1,500 Jackets Just received and put on sale at special prices during our Anniversary Week Every garment a beauty and all the very latest thing produced.

JACKETS.

20 styles at	$ 4.00
30 styles at	8.00
25 styles at	15.00

And a Complete Assortment in all the

New Novelties and at all prices up to $35.

CAPES.

50 different styles at	$ 5 00
25 styles in Plushes at	7.50
30 styles in Fancy Cloths at	9.00

And a Large Assortment of

All Styles up to $30.00.

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Genuine Seals, Beavers, Astrakhan, Persian Lamb, Minks and Coneys; newest and best styles to select from and every garment sold just as represented.

Ladies Tailor-made Suits

Large assortment of Suits in all the latest styles in Novelty Suitings, English Cheviots, Boucles, Clay Worsted and Serges in all colors and choice mixtures

25 Suits at	$4 50.	10 Suits at	$ 8.00.
15 Suits at	6.00.	18 Suits at	15.00.

And some elegant Suits at all prices up to $35.

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Both SUITS and OVERCOATS

We have bought all the high grade made up stock of the largest manufacturers in the East, and will offer the entire lot during our Anniversary Week.

AT 60c ON THE DOLLAR.

In all qualities and all sizes, worth $10.00, $12 00 and $13 50. at $8 00. **MEN'S OVERCOATS** Men's Overcoats in all qualities and sizes, worth $15.00, $16.50 and $18.00 at $12.50. Large line in imported goods up to $35.00.

BOY'S OVERCOATS,

All colors and all sizes, with and without Capes, and Boy's Ulsters at $4.00.

In Every Quality, size and style made, Worth $10 00, $15.00 and $13.50, at $8 00. **MEN'S SUITS** Men's Suits in evrey quality, size and style, worth $15, $16 50 and $18, at $12.50. Large assortment of Men's Imported suits up to $35 00.

14 to 19 years, in blue, brown, gray, brown check and blue checks, worth $6, $7.50 and $9, at $4.50. **BOY'S SUITS** Boys' high grade Knee Pants Suits in Worsteds and Cassimeres, Scotch Wools and Cheviots, Serge, at $4. Special line of Boys' Knee Pants Suits at $1.75.

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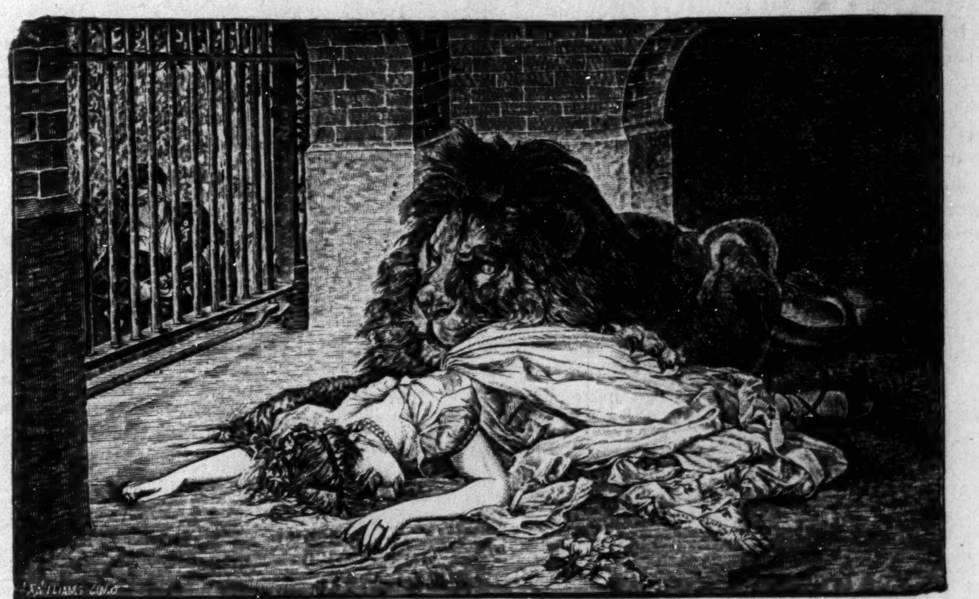

Will be Presented at The FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

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Second Baptist. Thursday, Nov. 28. Freewill Baptist, Friday, Nov. 29.
South Calvary Baptist. Monday Dec. 2. Admission 10 cents.

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